

The Trustees of Reservations

*Conserving the
Massachusetts Landscape
Since 1891*

SPECIAL PLACES

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Featured on the book's jacket, Field Farm in Williamstown is one of many special places highlighted in *Land of the Commonwealth*.

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Trustees to Publish Photographic Book of the Conserved Landscapes of Massachusetts

The story of Massachusetts' proud conservation legacy has never been told through photographs...at least not until now.

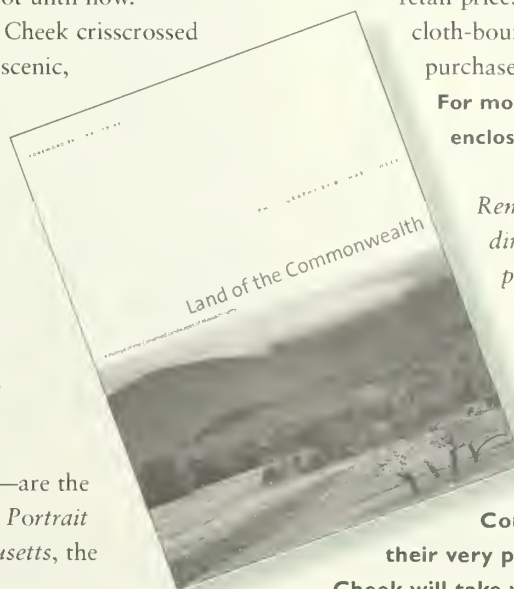
For five years, photographer Richard Cheek crisscrossed the Commonwealth in search of the most scenic, historic, and ecologically important conserved landscapes in the state. From the rugged coastal islands of the North Shore to the productive farms and orchards of the Berkshire Hills, from the popular urban green spaces of Boston to the hidden waterfalls and snow-covered forests of Central Massachusetts, Richard compiled a remarkable collection of vivid, full-color images of the best of the Massachusetts landscape.

All these places—nearly 100 of them—are the subject of *Land of the Commonwealth: A Portrait of the Conserved Landscapes of Massachusetts*, the first photographic book of its kind.

Published in October 2000 by The Trustees of Reservations and distributed by the University of Massachusetts Press, *Land of the Commonwealth* may be purchased directly from The Trustees or through booksellers across New England.


Current Trustees members receive a \$10 discount off the \$40 retail price. A special Limited Edition (250 copies in a cloth-bound slip case with numbered bookplate) may be purchased for \$200 (\$100 of which is tax-deductible).

For more information and to order your copy, see the enclosed brochure or visit www.thetrustees.org.



*Remember, by buying *Land of the Commonwealth* directly from The Trustees, 100% of your purchase directly benefits the organization's conservation work.*

The Boston Public Library invites you to celebrate the publication of *Land of the Commonwealth* on Wednesday, October 4, 6-8PM in the Rabb Lecture Hall,

Concourse Level, Copley Square. As part of their very popular "Out of Boston" series, Richard Cheek will take you on a photographic journey around the state to see the best of the Massachusetts landscape. Following his slide presentation, you may purchase signed copies of the book and enjoy a lightly catered reception. Seating is limited, so arrive on time. FREE to all! 

The Outside/Inside View



I would like to begin my first newsletter column by thanking you for such a warm welcome to The Trustees of Reservations. Many of you have gone out of your way to contact me and share your thoughts and perspectives on our great organization. Your energy and enthusiasm are infectious!

The first four months on the job have been busy but very exciting. My schedule has included gatherings in all corners of the state to meet staff, volunteers, members, and the public. So far, this has allowed me to see almost 60 of our properties. What an impressive collection of the Massachusetts landscape! My hope is to get to the remaining properties by year-end.

Many of you have asked what attracted me to The Trustees of Reservations. In part, this attraction resulted from a research study that I conducted last year for a foundation developing a major new environmental grant-making program. This research helped to spotlight The Trustees as a premier land conservation organization within the fastest growing land trust sector of the environmental movement.

Fundamental changes are taking place within the conservation and environmental movement. People are increasingly concerned about an eroding quality of life in their communities characterized by increased traffic congestion and disappearing open space. Locally focused land trusts and advocacy organizations are sprouting up everywhere. Massachusetts is home to approximately 140 land trusts, the highest density of any state. As a group, these organizations represent a critical network of people concerned about the Massachusetts landscape. However, many of these organizations are very small and lack the resources and information necessary to achieve their true potential.

The Trustees of Reservations has an important role to play as a member of this land trust network. A large, statewide

organization with many years of experience, it understands the long-term issues associated with land acquisition, ownership, and management. This expertise, if shared with other land trusts through effective partnerships, can help to extend land conservation throughout the state. Given the Trustees' mission of protecting historic, scenic, and ecological landscapes, as well as its commitment to public use and enjoyment of those landscapes, the potential exists to engage the broadest constituency of concerned citizens.

As I transition from "outsider" to "insider", I am struck by the extraordinary commitment to excellence by the staff, board, volunteers, donors, members, and friends. The highest standard of quality permeates every aspect of the Trustees' work and helps define us as an organization.

Another striking characteristic of the organization is its broad array of landscapes, as well as its programs that connect people with those landscapes. Richard Cheek's book (*see cover story*) will do a wonderful job showcasing some of these landscapes. These properties clearly appeal to many people and help to promote a land stewardship ethic. And yet, the potential to do more is enormous. Everywhere around us, landscapes are disappearing and communities are changing. Inspiring people in every Massachusetts community to protect these landscapes is what truly excites me about The Trustees of Reservations.

I am honored to be a member of the Trustees' family and look forward to working with you to advance our most important mission. I hope that you will feel free to communicate with me. My email, akendall@ttor.org, is "open" 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Your call to 978/524-1854 is welcome as well. I will respond!

Andrew Kendall
Executive Director

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Founded in 1891, The Trustees of Reservations is a member-supported nonprofit conservation organization which preserves, for public use and enjoyment, properties of exceptional scenic, historic, and ecological value in Massachusetts and works to protect special places across the state. Today, The Trustees owns, manages, and interprets 85 reservations totaling over 21,600 acres of land, and protects more than 12,600 acres through the use of conservation restrictions on 190 parcels of private land. The Trustees of Reservations is not an agency of state government. We rely for support entirely upon membership dues, contributions, grants, reservation receipts, special events, and endowments.

For information about becoming a member or to request a change of address, please contact the Membership Office at 978/524-1858, write to us at the address to the left, email us at ttormemb@ttor.org, or visit our website at www.thetrustees.org.

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LAND CONSERVATION

New Acquisitions and CRs

PINE ISLAND – Ipswich

The Trustees purchased 7-acre Pine Island, an oak-forested drumlin island in the Castle Neck River. The property was sold by John and Sylvia Eliot, with the cooperation of other members of the Eliot family, who conveyed right-of-way access to the property over remaining family land. Pine Island will be managed as part of the Crane Wildlife Refuge.



Pine Island, Ipswich.

GORDON PROPERTY – Norwell

A 12-acre gift of land has been added to the Norris Reservation thanks to the generosity of Ralph and Betsy Gordon of Norwell. The addition includes a lovely dammed pond as well as a section of Second Herring Brook downstream from the Reservation's millpond. This parcel will open in fall 2001 after raising funds to build a picturesque wooden footbridge and pond-loop trail connecting with the existing trail system.

Help Protect Destruction Brook Woods!

In April, The Trustees and Dartmouth Natural Resources Trust agreed to purchase the 303-acre



Destruction Brook Woods in Dartmouth from Indurama Finance USA Corporation. The protection of Destruction Brook Woods is the third and final phase of the **Slocum's River Conservation Project** which has already resulted in the protection of 757 acres in Dartmouth. Scheduled to close this fall, The Trustees/DNRT partnership must raise \$2,150,000 by October if we are to move forward with this final purchase. The Trustees and DNRT intend jointly own and manage approximately 285 acres, with the remaining 18 acres to be sold subject to conservation and agricultural preservation restrictions. To pledge a gift to this important project, call Steve Sloan at 781/828-9524 or e-mail him at selandcons@ttor.org.

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PEAKED MOUNTAIN – Monson

The Trustees' affiliate, the Massachusetts Land Conservation Trust (MLCT), traded five acres of a 122-acre parcel to a private landowner in exchange for 26 acres near Lunden-Miller pond at the foot of Peaked Mountain. With financial assistance from the State's Self-Help Program, the Monson Conservation Commission then bought the pond parcel from MLCT and also purchased a CR on the remaining 117 acres. MLCT then conveyed the 117 acres to The Trustees to be incorporated into the reservation at Peaked Mountain. Anticipation of these proceeds was a key part of the financial plan that led to the creation of the Reservation in late 1999.

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BLAKE PROPERTY – Dover

In March, Mrs. Caroline A. H. Blake donated a CR on approximately 25 acres of her property on Strawberry Hill Road in Dover, helping to protect abutting Noanet Woodlands. The land includes woodlands, fields, and a tributary of Noanet Brook.

KIMBALL PROPERTY – Andover

John Kimball donated a conservation and historic preservation restriction on Holt Farm, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The restriction protects the historic buildings on the site as well as the scenic open spaces surrounding them. John heads the Ward Reservation committee and is a long-time volunteer and supporter of The Trustees.



Kimball Property, Andover.

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New Conservation Field Offices Open in Northampton and Leominster

To strengthen our land protection efforts in the central and western parts of the state, The Trustees has opened two new conservation field offices.

Land Protection Specialist Charlie Wyman will work out of an office at the American Farmland Trust in Northampton covering the Connecticut River Valley and the Berkshires. **Charlie can be reached at 1 Short Street, Northampton, MA 01060. TEL 413/587-0716, FAX 413/587-3947, E-MAIL cwyman@ttor.org.**

Land Protection Specialist Chris Rodstrom will work out of the Doyle Reservation in Leominster covering Central Massachusetts and the Islands. **Chris can be reached at 325 Lindell Avenue, Leominster, MA 01453. TEL 978/840-4446, FAX 978/840-0022, E-MAIL crodstrom@ttor.org**



Land Protection Specialists Charlie Wyman (left) and Chris Rodstrom (right).

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conservation count



		ACREAGE PROTECTED
LAND OWNED	85 reservations	21,676
LAND UNDER CR	190 parcels	12,674
(as of 7/31/00)		TOTAL 34,350

GARDENS

Mytoi: A Garden Reborn

By Don Sibley



Don Sibley and Julie Messervy.

Almost nine years have passed since Hurricane Bob accomplished the garden equivalent of “urban renewal” at Mytoi (*my-toy*), a Japanese-style garden on Martha’s Vineyard. For the historical record, it took most of a year to clean up the debris and to begin to imagine the outlines of a new design—“new” because what had previously been a shaded walk in the woods under a tall pitch-pine canopy had been transformed into a stroll in the sun among short trees and shrubs, many of which had lost their crowns to falling pines. One man cleaning up the mess in 1991 described the scene as “a giant playing a game of pick-up sticks.”

Those who had loved the informality of Mytoi prior to the hurricane were so deeply saddened by the loss that they found it difficult to face the restoration task. Soon, however, many devoted volunteers came forward as opportunities to redesign the garden were discussed. When Lindsay Allison and I showed up several days running to volunteer our skills and energy, The Trustees did what most nonprofits are wont to do—they put us in charge!

Lindsay has spent summers on Chappaquiddick since childhood, and Mytoi was a favorite playing spot for her. She knew the old garden as well as anyone. For my part, I didn’t know the garden at all. But, in the 1980s, at the age of 45, my “gardening gene” was activated. I satisfied my interests working on bonsai trees and landscaping my own garden in a Japanese manner. Because my life centered around teaching painting in Boston and creating my own landscape

After Hurricane Bob swept across Martha’s Vineyard in 1991, it took most of a year to clean up the debris at Mytoi.



paintings, I had plenty of aesthetic opinions of what would look good at Mytoi. For me, the garden represented a grand opportunity to create a 4-acre landscape sculpture.

To help us plan for the daunting work ahead, we sought an expert consultant. We found in Julie Messervy of Wellesley an internationally known author and designer of gardens, especially those with a Japanese flavor.

Solutions for some parts of the garden had already been discovered, but we scratched our heads over other “problem” areas. Julie gave us interesting, new ways of looking at the garden and professional guidance for most of what we had begun. And, perhaps of greatest importance, she proposed the idea of a 5-year Master Plan that gave names to many smaller areas of the garden and offered opportunities to raise funds for different projects. It has worked miraculously!

After a May “Volunteer Planting Party,” we completed the final phase of the Master Plan. Many of the garden areas first planted have matured nicely. Come see how the garden looks now... and return in a few years when the newest plants have grown in! 🌱



A PLACE FOR MEDITATION

While Mytoi is a popular meeting place for friends and families to chat, picnic, and play, the guiding design principle behind Mytoi—as in all Japanese-style gardens—is to create a place which fosters meditation. Thus, plantings are designed to create quiet, somewhat private garden “rooms” connected by vistas and walking paths that suggest a leisurely pace. Plants with brightly colored foliage or flowers serve only as accents to sculpted masses of shrubs and trees. At Mytoi, we have rejected the Western stereotype of a Japanese garden; there are no raked “pools” of white sand, stone lanterns, and pagodas...and definitely no guides dressed in kimonos!

Visitors will notice that we have labeled no plants and have intentionally kept regulatory signs to a discreet minimum. A few visitors insist on riding their horses and mountain bikes through the garden or letting their children enjoy the site as if it were a playground. Please help us preserve the essential aesthetic qualities that make Mytoi such a special place.



Mytoi is located on Dike Road just before the entrance to Cape Poge Wildlife Refuge on Chappaquiddick Island. The garden is open free to the public, year-round, sunrise to sunset.

PROGRAM PROFILE

Conservation Restrictions Key to Land Protection

Whether you drive busy state highways in Greater Boston or small country roads in the Berkshires, chances are you've driven past lands protected by The Trustees of Reservations without even knowing it! No familiar green signs hang out by the roadside, and there are no parking areas or trail heads. These lands are privately owned and, for the most part, not open to the public.



Stelmokas Farm, Barre, protected by a CR.

Yet, they are protected—by Conservation Restrictions (CRs) held by The Trustees of Reservations. The nearly 200 CRs we hold protect over 12,000 acres of land including an enormous diversity of landscapes from coastal dunes to remote hilltops, woodlands, farm fields, gardens, and designed landscapes.

Many preserve parcels adjacent to existing reservations and buffer their borders, protect scenic vistas, and safeguard the integrity of habitats that extend beyond reservation boundaries. Other CRs preserve individual parcels that are important in their own right to the landscape character of a community or a region of the state. Almost all CRs are perpetual; they are placed on record at the Registry of Deeds and bind all future owners of the property.

How do they work? In essence, CRs are legal agreements between a landowner and a conservation organization that extinguish some or all development rights over the property. Even though CRs usually do not open land for public use, they serve valuable public interests such as protecting scenic byways, wildlife habitat, and productive farmland, all of which benefit society. Without CRs, these resources could be lost forever. Recognizing the need for a more flexible conservation "tool kit," our governing body amended The Trustees' charter in 1972 to adopt this technique (which had been authorized by the Legislature in 1969).

Virtually all the CRs held by The Trustees have been donated by landowners who share with one another a love of the land and a desire to ensure its protection regardless of future ownership. CRs may bring property tax relief and income real estate tax benefits; they also keep family land intact, preserve

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critical open spaces, and set examples for neighborhood preservation. This latter motivation led Alain and Phoebe Chardon to place a CR on their 38-acre waterfront property in Westport prior to selling it, even though the restriction would lower the property's market value. "We cherish the land," says Alain, "and we wanted to place the interests of the land first, not the owners."

The Trustees protects more land through CRs than any other private conservation organization in Massachusetts. In the last twenty years, CRs have represented six out of every ten acres we have protected. The reasons are simple. CRs are often accepted by landowners who would not consider giving up ownership and CRs are a very cost-effective way for us to protect land. Savings come in two ways: (1) the cost is lower because either the CR is donated or, if purchased, the CR costs less than the purchase price of the land, and (2) the cost of monitoring and enforcing the CR is much less than the cost of managing the property as its owner.

"When The Trustees holds a CR," explains Wesley Ward, Director of Land Conservation at The Trustees, "we take the responsibility of monitoring and defending it very seriously. This takes time, money, and dedicated people, both staff and volunteers." Protecting CR land begins with regularly monitoring the properties, but it doesn't end there. "More and more, conservation groups are recognizing that CR stewardship is more than simply playing cop, making sure the rules aren't broken," explains Darrell DeTour, CR Program Assistant for The Trustees. "Good stewardship involves maintaining open lines of communication with landowners, educating them about conservation values, and working with them to address problems. We want them to see The Trustees as their partner in sound land stewardship."

"Fundamentally, nature is to be enjoyed, not exploited," concludes Chardon. "Nature can't endure without protected open space. We all have a responsibility for making sure that there is always open space, and I'm personally gratified that my family was in a position to do that for at least one small, but important, property."



Alain and Phoebe Chardon.

If you or someone you know would like to protect their land, request a free copy of *Land Conservation Options: A Guide for Massachusetts Landowners* by calling Andrea Pullo at 978/524-1867.

SAVE THE DATE!

Town conservation, housing, and historic district commissioners as well as planners and open space advocates are invited to join developers and realtors to discuss ways to preserve natural resources and manage growth in Essex County. The **New Visions Growth Conference (8AM to 4PM, November 18 at Endicott College, Beverly)** is the culmination of a year's research by the Environmental Stewardship Initiative (ESI) of the Essex County Community Foundation. The Trustees is a member of the Steering Committee for the ESI and as sponsor of New Visions Growth Conference. **For more information, call Karen Kurie of the ECCF at 978/887-8876 or e-mail her at k.kurie@eccf.org**

VOLUNTEERISM

Get Ready to Roll Up Your Sleeves for... CONSERVATIONWORKS! 2000

On Saturday, October 28, from 9AM-1PM, The Trustees will hold our 2nd annual statewide volunteer work day—*Conservation Works! 2000*. Choose from a variety of work day projects at nineteen reservations across the state. The event will be held rain or shine, and adults and kids (aged 14 and older) are invited to participate. Bring a friend! With your help, we'll accomplish a lot.

Towards the end of September, look for a flyer containing work day details. Choose the project which interests you and call the phone number listed to pre-register. Based on the enthusiastic turnout we had last year, we expect another banner year, so call early to reserve your preferred project.

We look forward to seeing you at:

Beverly

Long Hill

Canton

The Eleanor Cabot Bradley Estate

Concord

The Old Manse

Dartmouth

Destruction Brook Woods

Dover

Noanet Woodlands

Essex & Ipswich

The Crane Wildlife Sanctuary

Gloucester

Ravenswood Park

Hingham

World's End

Hamilton & Ipswich

Appleton Farms and

Appleton Farms Grass Rides

Manchester-by-the-Sea

Coolidge Reservation

Martha's Vineyard

Menemsha Hills

Parker Property Barn

Mytoi

Nantucket

Coskata-Coatue Wildlife
Refuge

Newbury

Old Town Hill

North Andover

Weir Hill

Petersham

Brooks Woodland Preserve

Tyringham

Tyringham Cobble

Windsor

Notchview

Professional Partnerships Flourish in the West

Working in partnership with other conservation organizations, cultural and educational institutions, outdoor recreation clubs, and volunteer groups continues to be a key to good stewardship and organizational vitality. We'd like to take this

opportunity to recognize a few of our partners in the Connecticut River Valley and Berkshires whose work has made a real difference in managing our properties for people and wildlife.

Bartholomew's Cobble

US Fish & Wildlife Service – eagle surveys

Harvard University – invasive plant control

MA Division of Fisheries & Wildlife – non-migratory Canada geese study

University of Massachusetts – habitat mapping and surveying

The Nature Conservancy – wetland habitat monitoring

Pioneer Valley Hiking Club – trail maintenance

Chapelbrook

Appalachian Mountain Club – trail maintenance

Chesterfield Gorge

Westfield River Advisory Committee – Atlantic salmon protection

Dinosaur Footprints

New England Wildflower Society – invasive plant control

MA Department of Environmental Management – cooperative management

Field Farm

Williams College Museum of Art – outdoor sculpture exhibition

Monument Mountain

Americorps and Appalachian Mountain Club – trail maintenance

Historic Houses (Ashley House, Bryant Homestead, Mission House, Naumkeag)

Norman Rockwell Museum – archive and art preservation

Chesterwood – promotion, guide training, event management

Notchview

MA Division of Fisheries & Wildlife – grasslands research and maintenance

MA Forest Stewardship Program – forest management



Volunteers at a Bartholomew's Cobble work day last spring.

Volunteers Key to Success of Inn at Castle Hill Designer Showhouse

Between April 29 and May 24, over 14,000 people visited the Designer Showhouse at the Inn at Castle Hill on the Crane Estate in Ipswich. The event was a resounding success.

Proceeds from the event are helping to complete the transformation of this long-neglected 19th century farmhouse into a spectacular luxury inn. A very hearty thank you goes to the over 250 volunteers who gave so generously of their time, energy, and enthusiasm, with special thanks to Tatiana Bezamat and Jane Wykoff who worked tirelessly as co-chairs of the event. The Trustees has long been a volunteer organization, but a project of this magnitude tapped the good will of not only the ever-faithful, but also hundreds of new friends who responded to our call for assistance. For all of us, the grand old Brown Cottage now breathes new life as the Inn at Castle Hill, opening in August under the watchful eye of Innkeeper, George Shattuck III. For more information about the Inn at Castle Hill or to make reservations, call 978/412-2555 (www.theinnatcastlehill.com).



Tatiana Bezamat (left) and Jane Wykoff (right).



The Brown Cottage reborn as The Inn at Castle Hill!

CALENDAR

UPDATED AND NEWLY SCHEDULED FALL EVENTS
LISTED IN DATE-ORDER BY REGION

CENTRAL REGION

Tully Trail Work Days

Tully Lake Campground, Royalston 978/840-4446



Help put finishing touches on the 18-mile Tully Trail. Call for information, dates, and times of work days. Meet at Tully Lake Campground.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 – 7 PM to 8:30 PM

Moose Ecology and Habitat Slide Presentation

Doyle Reservation, Leominster 413/498-2584

This program, recently presented to Vermont Audubon, takes a fascinating look at the ecology and natural history of the moose. John Foster will have many artifacts to examine as well as accounts of moose he has studied. Reservations required. Members: \$10. Non-members: \$12. Registration required by calling 413/498-2584.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 – 12 NOON to 4 PM

5th Annual Family Day & Melon Party at The Old Manse

The Old Manse, Concord 978/369-3909

"We have water-melons in good advancement; and musk melons have come up within three or four days..." So wrote Nathaniel Hawthorne in his journal in 1843. Join us for 19th century outdoor games and activities, including croquet, kite-making, and tours of the house and landscape. Let's not forget those savory melons! Members: adult: \$4, senior & student \$3.50, child (6-12) \$2.50. Non-members: adult: \$8, senior & student \$7, child (6-12) \$5.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 – 5 PM to 7 PM

Dedication of Yet-to-be Named Reservation in Lancaster

See page 11 for details or call 978/840-4446.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 & 17

19th-Century Concord: A Literary Landscape

The Old Manse, in conjunction with The Concord Museum, Orchard House, Minuteman National Historic Park, Walden Pond, and the Concord Free Public Library, will present programming that highlights the 19th-century authors who lived in Concord. Call 978/369-3909 for more information.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 – 9 AM to 1 PM

Coddings Meadow Canoe Trip

Doane's Falls, Royalston 413/498-2584

Join John Foster on a canoe trip into the upper reaches of the Tully River. Study everything from watershed and stream ecology to beaver and bog plants. Learn the science behind the scenes and witness beauty that will fill your heart. Reservations required. Members: \$30. Non-members: \$35. Designed for adults over 16. Fee includes canoe, paddles, personal flotation devices. Limited number of canoes. Registration required by calling 413/498-2584.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 – 10 AM to 3 PM

Peaked Mountain Trail Day

Peaked Mountain, Monson 413/498-2584



Enjoy a fine fall day at Peaked Mountain while helping to maintain existing trails and cut new ones. Please call for details.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5 – 7 PM to 8:30 PM

Fisher Cat: a New England Native Slide Presentation

Doyle Reservation, Leominster 413/498-2584

Neither cat nor much of a fisherman, the Fisher Cat has returned to southern New England. John Foster will present a slide program on its life history, including a display of artifacts. Members: \$10. Non-members: \$12. Registration required by calling 413/498-2584.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7 & 8

"When Johnny Comes Marching Home Again..."

The Old Manse and the Civil War

See page 10 for details or call 978/369-3909.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14 – 5:30 PM to 8 PM

Full Moon Hike up Tully Mountain

Tully Mountain, Orange 413/498-2584

As you ascend by the retreating light of dusk, the full moon will rise and awaken your senses. Bring a flashlight and a sense of wonder and discovery! Members: \$25. Non-members: \$30. Registration required by calling 413/498-2584.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21 – 9 AM to 1 PM

Interpreting the Forested Landscape

Swift River Reservation, Nichewaug Tract, Petersham 413/498-2584

Past usage will affect present plant and animal occupation. Join John Foster as he interprets these signs along the course of the Swift River. Look for signs of bobcat, ravens, and wildflowers. Members: \$25. Non-members: \$30. Registration required by calling 413/498-2584.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20 & 21 – 6 PM to 8 PM

An Old Manse Mystery

The Old Manse, Concord 978/369-3909

Join us for our annual murder and mayhem at The Old Manse. Play detective in this G.K. Chesterton Victorian parlor game. All clues come in rhyming couplets that you use to locate the historic corpse! All the dearly departed had a connection to The Old Manse. More laughs than shudders! Mysteries begin every 20 minutes. Reservations recommended. Members: adult \$7, child (6-12) \$4. Non-members: adult \$10, child (6-12) \$5. All proceeds benefit The Old Manse.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4 – Cocktails 5:30 PM, Dinner 6 PM,

Auction 7 PM

Rock House Dinner & Auction

"Ye Olde Tavern", Main Street, West Brookfield

An annual event not to be missed! Enjoy a fine meal, including delicious baked goods from the Friends of the Rock House, and then bid on goods and services from local businesses, artists, and craftspeople. Auctioneer Joe Craig of J & S Enterprises will begin the auction at 7 PM. All proceeds benefit the Rock House Reservation. \$15 per person (includes dinner). Call Debby at 978/840-4446 for tickets.

ISLANDS REGION

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 – 7 PM to 9:30 PM

Full Moon Paddle

Long Point Wildlife Refuge, Martha's Vineyard 508/693-7662

Join us for the last Full Moon Paddle of the season on Tisbury Great Pond. Reservations required (designed for adults 16 and older); weather permitting (clear nights only). Meet at the off-season parking lot on Deep Bottom Road. Members: \$27. Non-members: \$30.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 – 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM

Mushrooms of Long Point

Long Point Wildlife Refuge, Martha's Vineyard 508/693-7662

Fall brings a profusion of wild mushrooms. Learn about mushroom ecology, identification, and spore printing with local expert, Phil Smith. Meet at winter parking lot on Deep Bottom Rd. Members: adult \$3. Non-members: adult \$5. Child \$2.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30 – 4:15 PM to 6:30 PM

Halloween Hayride and Hike

Long Point Wildlife Refuge, Martha's Vineyard 508/693-7662

Bring the family for a hayride, storytelling, and a haunted hike at Long Point. Watch the sun set and beware of the creatures of the night! Reservations required. Members: adult \$8. Non-members: adult \$10. Child \$5.

SATURDAYS, SEPT 2, SEPT 30, OCT 28 AND NOV 25

Marine Debris Surveys at Cape Poge

Cape Poge Wildlife Refuge, Martha's Vineyard 508/693-7662



Help the Center for Marine Conservation monitor trash that washes up on our shores. This local beach clean-up is part of a five-year study at 50 sites across the US. Volunteers are needed monthly, and a four-wheel-drive vehicle is helpful, but not required. Times of survey vary; call 508/693-7662.

NORTHEAST REGION

Long Hill Horticultural Lecture & Workshop Series

Long Hill, Beverly 978/921-1944

Lectures and workshops begin at 10 a.m. with coffee and doughnuts served from 9:45 a.m. Please call for details and registration. Lectures: Members \$12, Non-members \$15. Workshops: Members \$25, Non-members \$30.

- TUES, SEPTEMBER 12** *Designing for Scenery and Service: Frederick Law Olmsted's Plans for Country Estates* lecture
- TUES, SEPTEMBER 19** *The Most Beautiful Garden in the World* lecture
- TUES, OCTOBER 3** *Forcing Bulbs for Winter Color* workshop
- TUES, OCTOBER 10** *Earth on Her Hands* lecture

WEEKDAYS THRU SEPTEMBER, WEEKENDS THRU OCTOBER

Misery Islands Passenger Ferry Service

Misery Islands, Salem Bay 978/741-1900 (Sun Line Cruises)

Daily passenger service offered by Sun Line Cruises from the pier at Salem Willows Park in Salem. Call for a schedule or to make reservations. Members: adult \$10, child \$7.50. Non-members: adult \$12, child \$8.

SEPTEMBER 6 & 7, OCTOBER 4, 5, 18 & 19 – Seatings 2 PM & 4 PM

Great House Teas & Tours

Castle Hill, The Crane Estate, Ipswich 978/356-7774

Due to the popularity of Teas and Tours at The Great House, four teas have been added to this year's calendar! Enjoy a bountiful buffet of flavorful sandwiches, scones, and sweets while sipping freshly steeped tea in the formal dining room. Arrive early and take a self-guided tour of the Great House. Reservations required. Members: \$18. Non-members: \$20.

MONDAYS THROUGH COLUMBUS DAY – 10 AM & 2 PM

Crane Island Tours

Crane Wildlife Refuge, The Crane Estate, Essex 978/356-4351

Experience the beauty and tranquility of the 680-acre Crane Wildlife Refuge on this 1 1/2 hour boat and tractor-drawn wagon tour. Members: adult \$10, child (12 & under) \$3. Non-members: adult \$12, child (12 & under) \$5.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 – 9 AM to 3 PM

Castle Hill Concours d'Elegance

Castle Hill, The Crane Estate, Ipswich 978/356-7774



Come to the Sixth Annual Concours d'Elegance organized by the Vintage Sports Car Club of America and sponsored by BMW. In a scene seemingly lifted from a Hollywood extravaganza, Bugattis, Duesenbergs, Packards, Pierce Arrows, Mercedes Benzs and other great classics will gather on the Grand Allee. See the *crème de la crème* of the pre-World War II classic car world and hobnob with their owners. Also see several hundred special interest cars from a Lotus 7 to a winged Dodge HEMI Super Bird and antique cars built in New England. Enjoy the sounds of The Black Eagle Jazz Band, an Automotive Art Show, and tours of the Great House. Bring your own picnic basket or purchase food on site. Tickets available day of the event or by calling Castle Hill. Adult \$20, child \$10. Discount for members. www.castlehillconcours.com.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15 – 10 AM to 3 PM

Family Fun Day at Appleton Farms

Appleton Farms, Ipswich 978/356-5728



Celebrate the season of harvest and foliage in New England with family and friends of all ages at Appleton Farms! Enjoy hayrides barnyard animals, farming demonstrations, tours of the farm, nature walks, music, dancing, food, and more! Event and activities are FREE. Parking fee.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31 – 4 PM to 6 PM

A Ghastly Bash for The Kids! Halloween Party

Castle Hill, The Crane Estate, Ipswich 978/356-7774

Bring your little goblins and ghosts to see professional storyteller and performer Judith Black tell a not-so-scary Halloween tale. Kids can show off their costumes, have a Halloween treat, and enjoy traditional Halloween fun! For children aged 4-9. Trustees members: Parents free, child \$14. Non-members: Parents free, child \$16. Advanced tickets required; space is limited.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19 – 4 PM

Violin Concert & Champagne Fund Raising Reception

Castle Hill, The Crane Estate, Ipswich 978/356-7774

Castle Hill is honored to present violinist Elizabeth Ann Larson and accompanist Lydia Brown. Elizabeth studied at the New England Conservatory of Music and holds a Master's Degree in Violin Performance from Yale. She has taken instruction from Yehudi Menuhin, Zachar Bron, Igor Oistrakh, Joseph Silverstein, Jeremy Menuhin, and Stephen Isserlis. Her solo tours have taken her to Japan, England, Switzerland, Finland, Canada, and Taiwan and include the Verbier Festival in Switzerland and the Gidon Kremer's Musik Soomer of Gstaad Festival. Tickets \$75. Proceeds benefit the Casino Restoration Project at Castle Hill.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1 – 12 NOON to 8 PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2 – 10 AM to 4 PM

Castle Hill Holiday Showhouse & Boutique

Castle Hill, The Crane Estate, Ipswich 978/356-7774

The fourth Annual Showhouse features the museum rooms decorated by professional florists, designers, and garden clubs reflecting the elegance and grandeur of a seaside Christmas in New England at the turn of the century. Experience the beauty of the Great House during the holiday season as you gather some helpful decorating ideas for your own home. Mulled hot cider and cookies will warm and energize you as you shop the Ballroom Boutique with the area's finest artisans, galleries, and shops offering endless options for your holiday shopping. Members: adult \$7, child & senior \$5. Non-members: adult \$10, child & senior \$8.

SOUTHEAST REGION

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 – 10 AM to 12 NOON

Dedication of Slocum's River Reserve, Dartmouth

See page 11 for details or call 781/821-2977.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 – 12:30 PM

North River Canoe/Kayak Trip

Norris Reservation, Norwell 508/359-7815

Canoe or kayak the North River with river enthusiast Bob Costello. Starting in Marshfield, we will canoe to the boathouse at the Norris Reservation where we'll have lunch. Bring life jackets, warm clothes, and picnic lunch. Pre-registration required by calling Bob Costello at number above; limited to 10 canoes/kayaks. Meet at Union Street canoe landing in Marshfield. FREE.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 – 2 PM to 4 PM

Fall Foliage Hike

Noanet Woodlands, Dover 781/821-2977

Dave Given leads a two-hour guided hike through Noanet Woodlands. Walk to Noanet Peak for a panoramic view over a forest of fall foliage to the distant Boston skyline. Wear sturdy hiking shoes and bring water/snacks, and your camera. Meet at Caryl Park parking lot on Dedham St. in Dover. FREE to all. Please leave pets at home.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1 – 7:30 AM to 10 AM

Photography: Morning Light at World's End.

World's End, Hingham 781/821-2977

Lynne Layman will lead an exploration and photographic shoot of World's End. Basic instruction provided; ask questions and share expert advice. Bring 35mm camera, a tripod if you have one, and one or two lenses. Limited to 10. Pre-registration required. Members: FREE. Non-members: \$4.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7 – 1 PM to 3 PM

Dedication of Weir River Farm, Hingham

See page 11 for details or call 781/821-2977.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15 – 2 PM to 4 PM

The Chemistry of Fall Color

Rocky Woods, Medfield 781/821-2977

Take an easy-paced hike through Rocky Woods and learn why brilliant reds, oranges, and yellows appear with shortened and cooler fall days. Meet at Rocky Woods Ranger Station; please leave pets at home. FREE to all.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21 – 2 PM to 4 PM

Tree Identification at World's End.

World's End, Hingham 781/821-2977

Ranger Ryland Rogers will lead an informative walk along the trails of World's End, pointing out the many species of trees planted as part of the 19th-century Olmsted design. Meet at the Ranger Station. Members and children (6-12): FREE. Non-members: adult \$4.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4 – 9 AM to 12 noon.

Training Session: Becoming a Volunteer Interpreter

Eleanor Cabot Bradley Estate, Canton 781/575-1998

Learn about techniques of natural and cultural resources interpretation. Topics will include theme development, interpretive techniques (for children & adults), and safety in the outdoors in addition to a brief overview of the natural and cultural history of reservations in the region. Limited to 15. Pre-registration required; preference given to those willing to lead a spring or summer program.



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25 – 1 PM to 3 PM

After Thanksgiving Walk

World's End, Hingham 781/821-2977

Join Wisner Murray and family in celebrating this seasonal homecoming. Work off that extra piece of pumpkin pie with a brisk walk through World's End and look for a rare sighting of wild turkeys! Meet at the Ranger Station. Members and children FREE. Non-members: adult \$4.

WESTERN REGION

SUNDAYS, SEPT THROUGH MID-OCT– 1 PM to 4 PM

Canoeing the Housatonic River

Bartholomew's Cobble, Ashley Falls, Sheffield 413/229-8600

Join a naturalist and enjoy the natural wonders of the Housatonic River on a clear fall day. Bring a snack and water. All needed equipment will be supplied. Little to no canoeing experience needed. Please pre-register. Members: adult \$15, child (12 to 16) \$8. Non Members: adult \$20, child (12 to 16) \$10.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 – 7 PM

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 – 10 AM to 2 PM

Hawks: Workshop

Bartholomew's Cobble, Ashley Falls, Sheffield 413/229-8600

A great diversity of hawks migrate in the fall through western Massachusetts, and Hurlburt's Hill at the Cobble is among the best places to see them. Learn more about these fascinating birds in a two-day workshop including an evening slide show and a day in the field. Dress warmly and bring a snack. Members: adult \$15, child (10 to 14) \$8. Non-members: adult \$20, child (10-14) \$10.

SUNDAYS, SEPT 17 & 24 AND OCT 1 & 15 – 10 AM to 2 PM

Hawks: Field Identification

Bartholomew's Cobble, Ashley Falls, Sheffield 413/229-8600

Many hawk species move through the Housatonic River Valley at this time of year heading to their wintering grounds in the south. Join Don Reid on Hurlburt's Hill as he helps you with field identification and introduces you to the amazing life histories of these birds of prey. Dress warmly and bring a snack. Members: FREE. Non-members: adult \$5, child (6-12) \$1.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1 – 1 PM to 3 PM

What's on the Other Side of the Gorge?

Chesterfield Gorge, Chesterfield 413/684-0148

Join us for a walk—both on and off the trails—of Chesterfield Gorge and help answer this question frequently asked of our rangers. We'll investigate the natural and cultural history of this important landmark on both its sides. Bring water and a snack. Meet at the Gorge parking lot. Members and children (6-12): FREE. Non-members: adult \$3 (includes day pass).

OCTOBER 20 – 24

Following the Birds South: Exploring the Mid-Atlantic Coast

The Trustees' Western Regional Ecologist, Don Reid and René Laubach, Berkshire Sanctuaries Director for Mass Audubon, will lead a tour of some of the finest birding areas in the East. En route to Cape May, we'll stop at the Brigantine National Wildlife Refuge. We'll then ferry south to the barrier beaches of Assateague Island National Seashore and Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge in Virginia before heading north to wildlife areas on the Chesapeake Bay's eastern shore. For more information, call 413/229-8600.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21 & NOVEMBER 11 – 8 PM to 10 PM

Night Hike: Owl Prowl

Bartholomew's Cobble, Ashley Falls, Sheffield 413/229-8600

An autumn adventure into the forest can produce a rewarding experience. Join us as we listen and learn about night sounds. Great Horned Owls court during this time of year, and we may get lucky and find one. Dress warmly. Members: adult \$3, child (6-12) \$1. Non-members: adult \$6, child \$2.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27 – 7 PM

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28 – 10 AM to 2 PM

Waterfowl Workshop

Bartholomew's Cobble, Ashley Falls, Sheffield 413/229-8600

Learn the identification and life history of our local and migrating waterfowl species. This workshop begins with an evening slide show on identification and life history and continues the next day with a visit to local lakes and ponds. Some car-pooling will be necessary; dress warmly, and bring a snack. Members: adult \$15, child (10 to 14) \$8. Non-members: adult \$20, child (10-14) \$10.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12 – 10 AM to 2 PM

Third Annual NW Connecticut Waterfowl Census

Bartholomew's Cobble, Ashley Falls, Sheffield 413/229-8600

For over fifty years, the Hoffman Bird Club in Pittsfield has gathered data on migratory waterfowl in central and southern Berkshire County. The Trustees has extended that data collection into Northwestern Connecticut where several ponds and lakes are monitored. Join Don Reid on a census and learn to identify waterfowl and study their life histories and migratory habits. We will car pool from Bartholomew's Cobble.

Coming This Spring!

APRIL 21 THROUGH APRIL 29

Birding Big Bend National Park and the Davis Mountains of West Texas

For more information, call Don Reid at 413/229-8600.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! This symbol indicates events which offer volunteer opportunities!



NOTEWORTHY

News & Shorts of All Sorts

Welcome to New Trustees Staff Members

John Bradley, Director of Membership
Andrea Pullo, Land Conservation
Clerical Assistant
Michelle LoConte, Visitor Services
Coordinator, *World's End*
Patricia Burkholder, Event Manager,
Eleanor Cabot Bradley Estate

Steven Judge, General Manager,
Appleton Farms
Sara Polsonetti, Assistant Innkeeper,
Inn at Castle Hill
Joshua Butler, Assistant Manager,
Inn at Castle Hill
Diane Cote, Administrative
Assistant, *Western Region*



Rose Garden Fountain Restored at the Stevens-Coolidge Place A recreated Louis XV water fountain, complete with carved marble basin and scrolled pedestal, is flowing once again in the Italian-style sunken Rose Garden at the Stevens-Coolidge Place in North Andover. The Coolidges acquired the fountain in New York in 1933 and architect Joseph Everett Chandler integrated it into the Rose Garden he had designed for them in 1926. Landscape historian Ruthanne Rogers researched the fountain and, using a Chandler drawing and period photographs, Tim de Christopher of New England Stoneworks in Greenfield, MA recreated the basin and pedestal. Installation was completed by Insite of Wenham, MA.

The entire project was funded with proceeds from the annual Stevens-Coolidge Place Plant Sale. A hearty thank you to all who purchased plants! **For more information, contact Susan Hill Dolan at 978/412-2563 or e-mail her at shd@ttor.org.**

Natural History Programs Offered in Central Massachusetts

John Foster of the New England Naturalist Training Center (www.nentc.com) in Northfield, MA has developed a new series of interpretive naturalist programs for the autumn at several sites in Worcester County, including Doane's Falls and the Swift River Reservation. John is a self-taught naturalist with field experience in research, education, and training. Over the years, he has earned an excellent reputation for programs which engage participants in active learning. His self-described "macro view" approach to interpretation helps others see, as he does, the myriad threads that, woven together, make up nature as we experience it on the ground. **See page 7 of the Calendar for program details.**

Civil War Encampment Coming to The Old Manse

The Old Manse in Concord will again host "When Johnny Comes Marching Home," a Civil War reenactment which tells the story of Lieutenant Ezra Ripley II who marched off to war in 1861. Before leaving Boston, Lt. Ripley led his company to Concord



to visit his family at their home at The Old Manse. On Saturday, October 7 and Sunday, October 8, the recreated 28th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry will set up camp at The Old Manse. Visitors can meet "living history" soldiers and civilians and get an idea of what every-day life was like. Enjoy firing drills, talks, games, garden tours, house tours, live music, and great food. **For more information, call Laurie Butters or Donna White at 978/369-3909 or e-mail them at oldmanse@ttor.org.**

Trustees Support Avon 3-Day Walk for Breast Cancer

In early June, over a period of three days, more than 2000 people walked fifty-five miles from Leominster to Boston to raise money for breast cancer research and early detection programs. Two Trustees properties served as rest stops along the way: Pierce Park in Leominster and The Old Manse in Concord. Congratulations to all who completed this trek and, in doing so, contributed an average of \$3,000 each.

For more information, visit www.breastcancer3day.org

Join the Bay Circuit Trek 2000 Since its founding in 1990, the Bay Circuit Alliance has completed 140 miles of the 200-mile Bay Circuit Trail. A 16-day guided walk will celebrate these accomplishments. The trek begins in Kingston Bay on September 30 and ends at Plum Island on October 15, averaging 10-15 miles a day. B&B and camping accommodations are available. Local walkers can join thru-trekkers for the day. Conceived in 1929 as Boston's Outer Emerald Necklace, the Bay Circuit Trail is a linked system of parks and open spaces, including eight Trustees reservations. **For more information, call Alan French at 978/470-1982, e-mail him at baycircuit@juno.com, or visit www.serve.com/baycircuit.**

Going to the Islands? Check out our Natural History Tours. At Cape Poge and Long Point on Martha's Vineyard and at Coskata-Coatue on Nantucket, The Trustees offers fun, educational natural history tours early June through mid-October. Naturalist guides explain how climatic and oceanic forces formed these remote barrier beaches. Learn basic shorebird biology. Identify northern harriers, egrets, herons, ospreys, American oystercatchers, and even the rare piping plover and least tern. Guided tours by kayak and canoe of coastal ponds study marine life as well as salt marsh and



sandplain ecology. Visit remote lighthouses and learn about their history and the lives of their keepers. Seven different types of natural history tours place you directly into the landscape to enjoy its beauty and understand its fragility. Proceeds directly support conservation work on the Islands, including beach and dune management, wildlife research, habitat and endangered shorebird protection, sandplain grassland and heathland restoration, and school children outreach and education. **For a tour brochure, contact the Islands Regional Office in Vineyard Haven at 508/693-7662.**

NEW RESERVATIONS


Celebrate the Opening of
Three New Reservations!

Enjoy a walk, refreshments, and fun as we open Slocum's River Reserve in Dartmouth, Weir River Farm in Hingham, and a yet-to-be named reservation in Lancaster! Meet fellow members, local folks, and the individuals who were instrumental in saving these special places. FREE to all! See you there—rain or shine!

1 SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 10AM - 12NOON

Opening of Slocum's River Reserve, Dartmouth (47 acres)

Located on the western bank of the Slocum's River, a tidal estuary on Buzzards Bay, the Reserve offers a network of woodland and pasture trails that provides access to an additional 700 acres of adjoining conservation land. The Reserve is jointly owned and managed with Dartmouth Natural Resources Trust.

 **TRAVEL DIRECTIONS:** Horseneck Road. From Rte. 140 south, turn right onto Rte. 6 west. At third set of traffic lights, turn left onto Old Westport Rd and travel for 0.4 miles. Bear left onto Chase Rd and follow for 3.6 miles. Take right onto Russells Mill Rd and follow for 1 mile. Continue straight onto Horseneck Rd and follow for 1.4 miles. Entrance is on the left.

2 WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 5-7PM


Opening of Yet-To-Be Named Reservation, Lancaster (38 acres)

Located in the center of Lancaster, this classic glacial drumlin, impressive for its graceful form, offers open meadows and beautiful views of the surrounding countryside. It was given by the late Nathaniel Dexter, a beloved supporter of The Trustees and active member of the Lancaster community.

HELP US NAME THIS RESERVATION!

Win a complimentary night's stay for two at The Trustees' Field Farm Guest House in Williamstown if your name is chosen (*lottery determines winner if more than one submission of chosen name*).


ENTRIES ARE DUE SEPTEMBER 1ST. Mail to: The Trustees of Reservations, 325 Lindell Avenue, Leomister, MA 01453. For further contest details, call Debby Werling at 978/840-4446 or by e-mail her at central@ttor.org

 **TRAVEL DIRECTIONS:** George Hill Rd. From Boston/Points North: Take Rte. 2 west to Rte. 70 south (Exit 35) and follow for 5.5 miles. Turn right onto George Hill Rd and follow for 0.2 miles. Entrance is on the right. From Worcester: Take I-190 north to Rte. 117 east (Exit 7). Follow for Rte. 117 east to Rte. 70 south and follow for 1.8 miles to George Hill Rd. Turn right on George Hill Rd and follow for 0.2 miles. Entrance is on the right.

3 SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1-3PM

Opening of Weir River Farm, Hingham (75 acres)

Once part of an early 20th century country estate, this picturesque farm, set on a gently rising drumlin above the Weir River, offers open hayfields, extensive managed woodlands, a barn, and stable. On a clear day, visitors can take in views of Boston Harbor and the North Shore.

 **TRAVEL DIRECTIONS:** Turkey Hill Lane. Turn onto Leavitt St. off Rte. 228 at the Hingham Public Library. Follow for 0.6 mi. and bear left onto Turkey Hill Lane. Parking and entrance on the right. Please leave pets at home.

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Into the Pool—The Water's Fine!

Are you sitting on a portfolio of common stocks with low dividends and yet significant capital gains? Would you like to increase that income and avoid paying capital gains taxes? If so, consider The Trustees' Pooled Income Funds. The funds operate similarly to a mutual fund in that your

contribution is pooled with those of other donors. The amount of your gift determines the number of units you hold in the pool and your share of the quarterly income stream. Some of the benefits include:

- Avoidance of capital gains tax;
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- Expert asset management from professional investment advisors; and

■ The opportunity to make a substantial gift to The Trustees and help secure the future preservation and management of historic and scenic places like the Rivulet Stream at the William Cullen Bryant Homestead (*pictured here*).

If you would like information about making a gift to the Pooled Income Fund or other planned giving options, please contact Sarah Carothers at 978/524-1876. E-mail scarothers@ttor.org

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Calling all Volunteer Photographers!

Submissions of color and B&W prints, slides, and large format transparencies of Trustees properties are being solicited for use in the 3rd edition of the *Property Guide*, to be published next April. For more details, call Michael Triff at 978/524-1889 or e-mail him at cmdept@ttor.org.

ON THE MEMBERSHIP FRONT

Susan McGarvey Retires as 25,000th Member Joins

For many of our readers, Susan McGarvey is not only a household name but also a long-time friend. Under her leadership over the past fifteen years as Director of Membership, our grassroots membership program has become part of the heart and soul of The Trustees of Reservations. You—our faithful members—support our mission not only through your annual dues and gifts, but also through your generous volunteer hours, stalwart advocacy of our cause, and personal efforts to engender public good will for what we do. We are grateful for the difference you've helped us make.

From very modest beginnings in 1984, Susan grew a program of just 4,500 members into a burgeoning following of 25,000. In doing so, she helped to transform our organization from near

obscurity to growing prominence. Today, members hail from practically every town in Massachusetts, almost every state in the country, and several countries abroad. The Trustees owes a tremendous debt of gratitude to Susan, who retired at the end of April; she leaves the organization with an energized legacy of building grassroots support for our mission. *Thank you Susan!*

Into Susan's rather large shoes will step John Bradley who himself has earned a peerless reputation in the nonprofit community for building and managing excellent membership programs. He joined The Trustees on August 1 after a thirty-year career at the Massachusetts Audubon Society, where, for the last twenty-one years, he has directed their membership program, growing it from 24,000 to 66,000 today. Please join us in welcoming John to The Trustees family. Call him at 978/524-1859 or e-mail him at jbradley@ttor.org ☘

Thank you

For most, membership is a way to endorse and support what The Trustees stands for and what we are doing. It is, thus, a direct way for us to measure how successful we are in carrying out our mission. We thank all of you for your continued vote of confidence, and, with your backing, we will continue to conserve the best of the Massachusetts landscape in all its diversity.